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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: BDIS
SUBJECT: COMPLAINT AGAINST GENERAL ELECTRIC BY ZAIRE AMBASSADOR

1. AMBASSADOR OF ZAIRE HAS ASKED THIS EMBASSY INTERVENE
WITH INTERNATIONAL SALES DIV., GENERAL ELECTRIC CO.,
570 LEXINGTON AVE., NEW YORK, NY 10022 ON UNRESOLVED
COMPLAINT DATING ONE AND A HALF YEARS.

2. AMBASSADOR PURCHASED 20 AIR CONDITIONERS UNDER GE
INVOICE 031244 OF NOV. 20, 1975. SHIPMENT DULY ARRIVED BUT
ORIGINAL BILL OF LADING NEVER RECEIVED. ACCORDINGLY, TO
CLEAR SHIPMENT AMBASSADOR HAD TO OBTAIN LETTER OF IN-
DEMNITY FROM BARCLAYS BANK. AMBASSADOR REPEATEDLY ASKED
GE TO PROVIDE ORIGINAL B/L SO INDEMNITY COULD BE CANCELLED,
BUT HAS NEVER RECEIVED IT. BANK IS PRESSING HIM, AND
HE MUST CONTINUE TO PAY FEE FOR INDEMNITY.

3. AMBASSADOR HAS GIVEN US COPIES OF FOLLOWING: INVOICE 031244;
EXPORT NOTICE FROM GE DATED DEC. 19, 1975; CABLE SIGNED
"CARRARO" OF GE, LOUISVILLE, KY DATED MARCH 30, 1976
STATING "WE ARE SENDING DUPLICATE SET BILLS OF LADING YOU
REQUESTED ONE ORIGINAL AND 3 COPIES"; UNANSWERED LETTER
TO GE, NEW YORK FROM BARCLAYS BANK DATED SEPT., 1, 1976
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ASKING FOR ORIGINAL B/L OR LETTERS FROM BOTH SHIPPER AND
GE CONFIRMING THEY HAVE NO FURTHER FINANCIAL INTEREST IN
THE GOODS; UNANSWERED LETTER TO GE, LOUISVILLE FROM BARCLAYS
BANK DATED APRIL 21, 1977 ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF NON-NEGOTIABLE
B/L, STATING THIS UNACCEPTABLE TO BANK, AND REPEATING
REQUEST FOR NEGOTIABLE COPY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: CONTACT GE AND REQUEST URGENTLY
ORIGINAL B/L OR THE TWO RELEASE LETTERS BE SENT AT ONCE
TO AMBASSADOR OF ZAIRE OR BARCLAYS BANK. FAILURE OF THIS MAJOR
AMERICAN COMPANY TO RESOLVE MATTER FOR THIS LONG
PERIOD INVOLVING TROUBLE AND CONTINUING COST TO FRIENDLY
EMBASSY AND DIFFICULTY FOR AN IMPORTANT BANK IS A MATTER
OF CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT. SMITH

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